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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC DETECTION AND SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE ROAMING PROVIDER**

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ABSTRACT

A method, apparatus and computer program product are provided to cause a plurality of network identifiers to be stored in a memory; assign a priority value to each of a plurality of networks; in an instance in which a mobile terminal is roaming, identify available networks; and select an available network based on the priority value of stored network identifiers. The selection of the available networks may further include determining the signal strength of the available networks; and further basing the selection of an available network on the signal strength of the available networks.

